



# Beyond the Blog: The New Rules of Collaboration and Communication

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# Getting Status Updates

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- ▶ One of the hardest jobs for the scheduler is getting status updates from the project team.
- ▶ Over 50,000,000 people do it voluntarily and frequently on Facebook?
- ▶ What's going on here? What can we learn from this?





# Meetings

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The status update meeting has its strengths and weaknesses.

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# Meetings

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## Strengths

- ▶ Low latency
- ▶ More civility
- ▶ High Fidelity

## Weaknesses

- ▶ Inconvenient
- ▶ Inefficient
- ▶ Expensive





# Phone & Internet

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- ▶ Is there a more disruptive device than the phone?
- ▶ Email has its own drawbacks.





# Remaining Deficiencies

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# A Market is Born

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your problems.

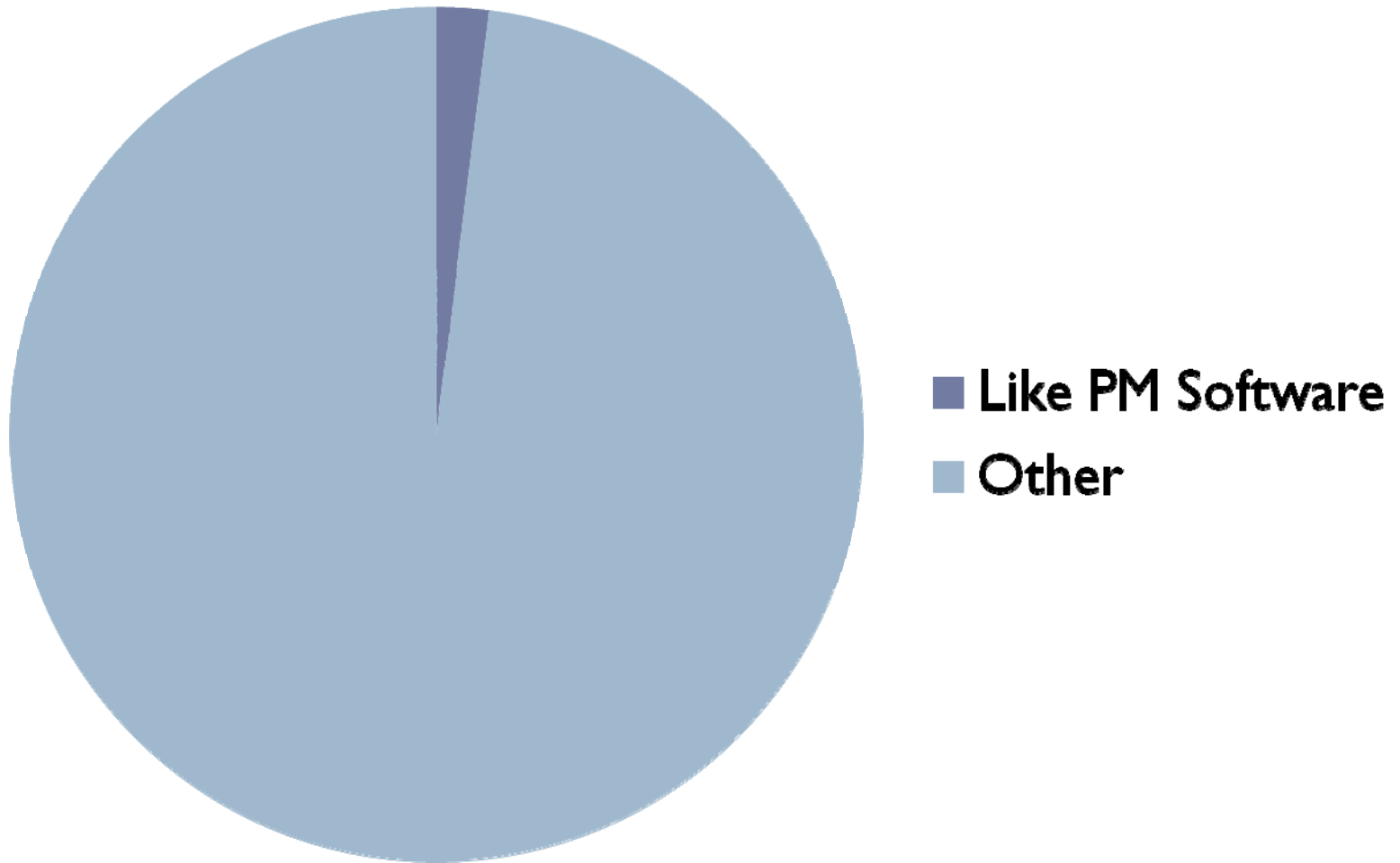
You can just go home now.





# Users Respond

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# What Can We Learn About Project Collaboration?

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# Blogging

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- ▶ Blogging changed the rules of publishing.





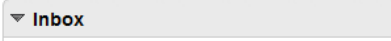
# Blogging

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- ▶ Social networks have changed the rules of blogging.














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 **Messages**


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 **Introductions**


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 **Applications**

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What are you working on?


**154 Connections**  
links you to 1,840,100+ professionals

**5,458** New People in your network since January 12

**Earn 2.50 APY% at ING DIRECT. Great Rate No fees No minimums.**

**Network Updates** 

**Today**


 **CONNECTION UPDATES (3)**

**Risa Mish** is now connected to **Simona Botti**

**Sari Germanos** is now connected to **Rohit Shenoy**


**Ian Taylor** is now connected to **Mike Waychison**

**Yesterday**

 **PROFILE UPDATES (2)**

**Gary Barton** has an updated profile (Specialties, Expertise)

**Ashwin Ram** has an updated profile (Interests, Honors)

 **CONNECTION UPDATES (8)**

**Eric Kimminau** is now connected to **Ted Roethlisberger**


**John Rudd** is now connected to **Urso Chappell** and **Josh Homan**

**Risa Mish** is now connected to **Mark Berlind**, **Tom Spellman**, **Diane Sumoski**, and 1 other person

**Debbie D'Aurio** is now connected to **Jack DeCourcy**


**Kristy Rush** is now connected to **Dane Boyd**

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 **RECOMMENDATIONS (1)**

**Michael Garlin, CPCC** recommends **Jon Levey**. "Jon was an outstanding board member and past president for JCYS. Jon's passion towards our organiza..." [Read more >](#)

**Tuesday**

 **PROFILE UPDATES (1)**

**Dan Greenwald** has an updated profile (Headline, Interests, Associations, Honors)

 **CONNECTION UPDATES (8)**

**People you may know**

**John Sze**  
Manager Telecomm Policy and Procedures at Federal Aviation Administration

[invite](#) | [x](#)


**George Fox**  
CEO at The Fox Law Firm, P.C.

[invite](#) | [x](#)

**Wesley Gaillard**  
National Sales Manager at Integra Information


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# MySpace



LOSE 25LBS IN TWO WEEKS SHED THOSE HOLIDAY LBS

READ HOW I DID IT




a place for friends

Web Search


POWERED BY Google

[Home](#) [Mail](#) [Profile](#) [Friends](#) [Music](#) [Video](#) [More](#) [My Account](#) [Sign Out](#)

 **Add schools** that you've attended to find current classmates or keep in touch with old ones.

maybe later


## Hello, Steelray Software!




**Edit Profile**  
**Account Settings**  
**Add/Edit Photos**  
**Add/Change Videos**  
**Manage Calendar**  
**Manage Blog**  
**Manage Address Book**

**View My:**  
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**My URL:** [myspace.com/steelraysoftware](http://myspace.com/steelraysoftware)


 **Page Themes:**  
Classic View | [New Home Skin](#)

 Create your own playlists on **MySpace Music**

### My Apps

Apps are free add-ons for your MySpace. Find them in the **Apps Gallery**.

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**Your Network:**  
255,205,942

**Profile Views:**  
52


**Last Login:**  
1/15/2009

**Show My:**  
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"VanDamsel"




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### Find Your Friends on MySpace

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### Friend Updates



# Twitter



Select Language ... ▼

## What is Twitter?

What? Why? How?



Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?

Join the conversation! Get Started Now

▶ Watch a video!

### Please sign in

user name or email address:

password:

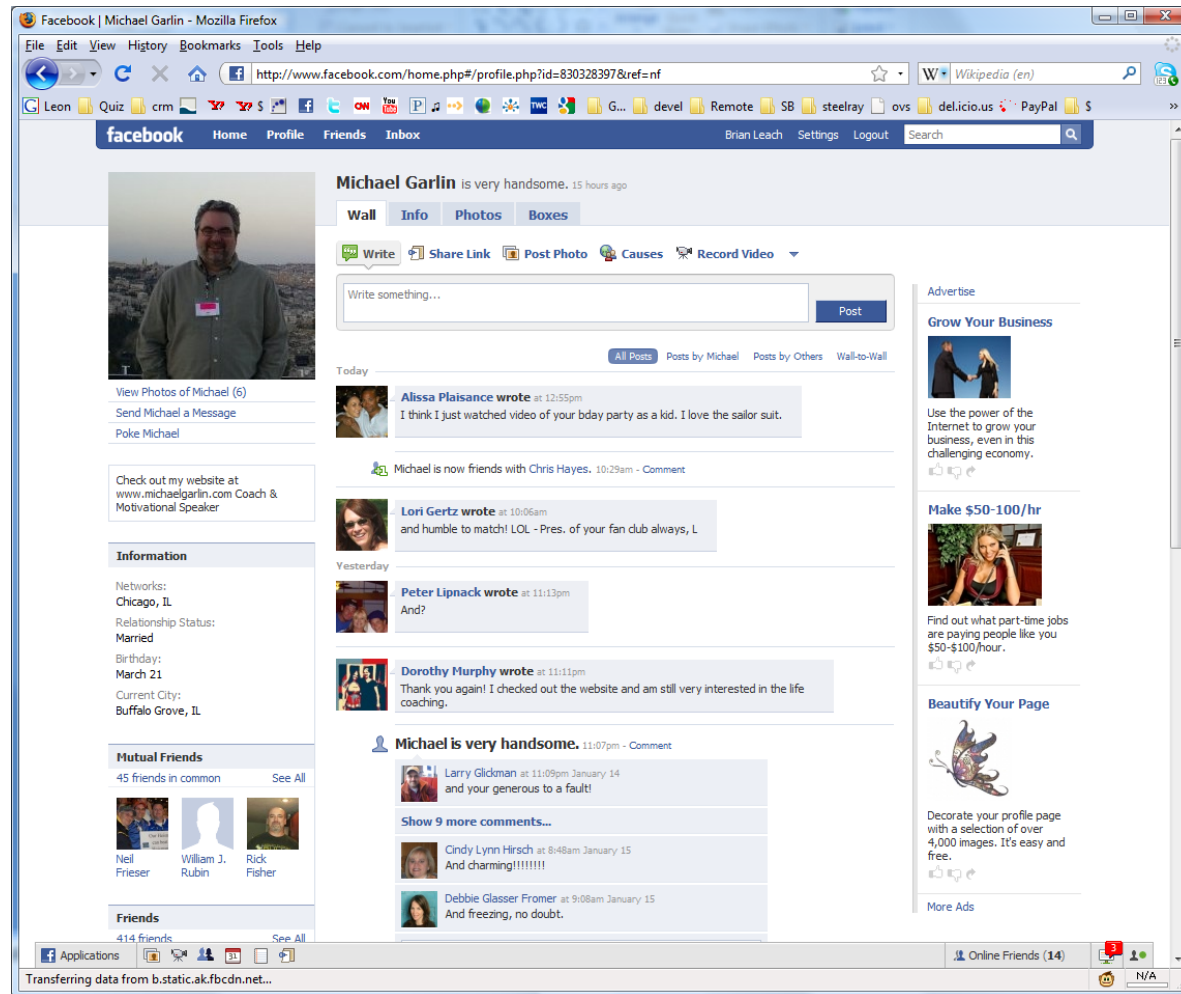
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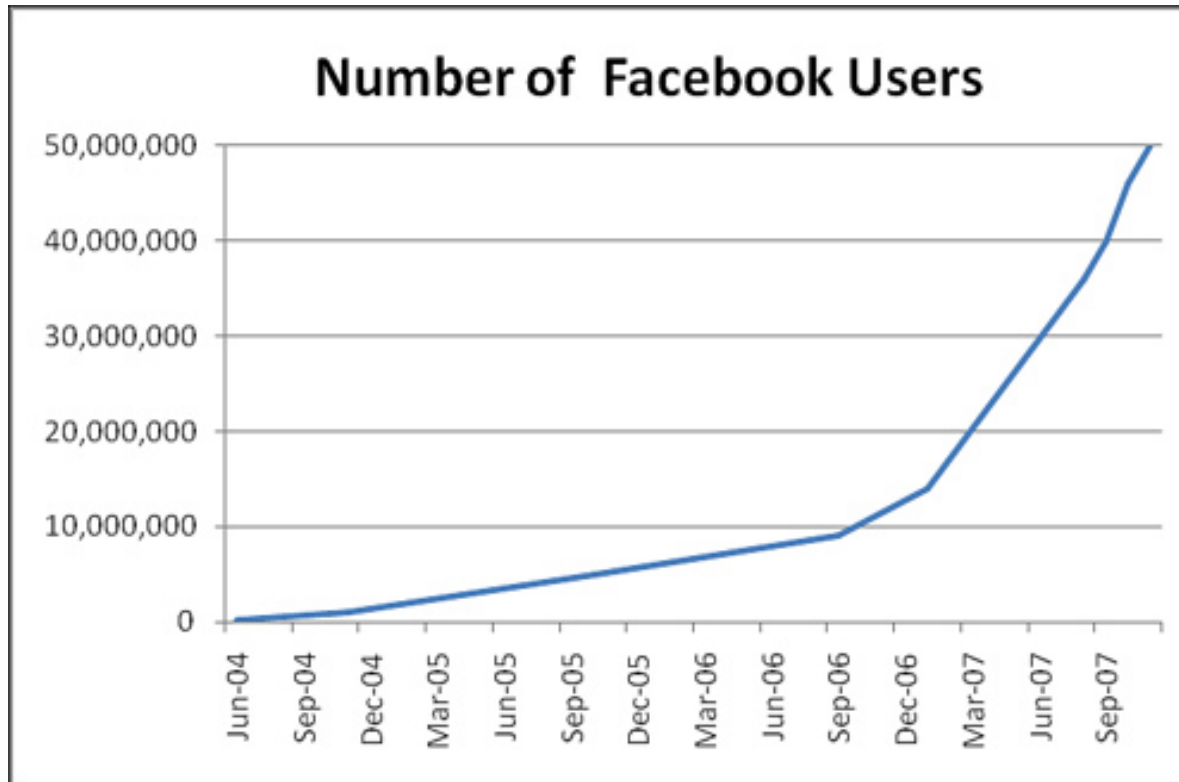
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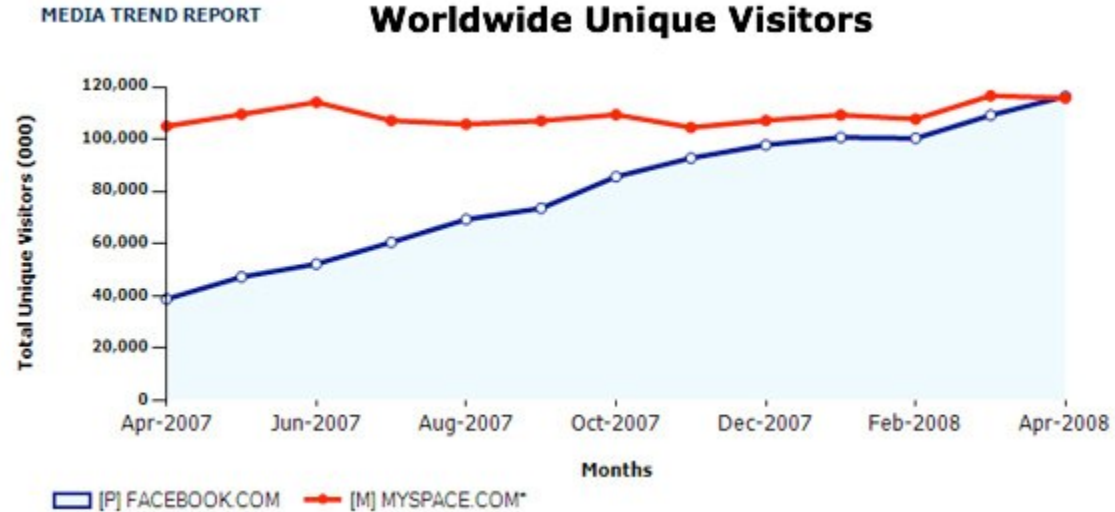
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# Facebook Since 2007

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# Building Blocks

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- ▶ Authentication
- ▶ Profile / Home Page
- ▶ Messaging
- ▶ File/Photo/Link Sharing
- ▶ External Notification
- ▶ Groups / Communities
- ▶ Application Platform
- ▶ Search





# Why They Work

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- ▶ Social
- ▶ Addictive
- ▶ Low Barrier to Entry
- ▶ Near Zero Footprint
- ▶ ~~Lurkers~~ Observers Welcome
- ▶ Easy (Enough) to Use
- ▶ Mobile Device Friendly
- ▶ Self-Promoting (Encourage Their Own Growth)





# Social

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- ▶ They promote communities.
- ▶ Nothing spreads as fast as news and gossip.
- ▶ Allow individuality and personality





# Addictive

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- ▶ Appeal to the news junkies.
- ▶ The more “friends”, the more “news”.
- ▶ Applications





# Low Barrier to Entry

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- ▶ Easy to get started
- ▶ Remains simple.
- ▶ Free





# Near Zero Footprint

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- ▶ No installation.
- ▶ No documentation.
- ▶ No licensing.
- ▶ Few constraints.





# Observers Welcome

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Social networking platforms do not require active contributions.

They are all “lurker” friendly.





# Easy to Use

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- ▶ Easy enough to navigate and use.
- ▶ Short messages.
- ▶ Need not be time consuming.
- ▶ Very little learning curve.

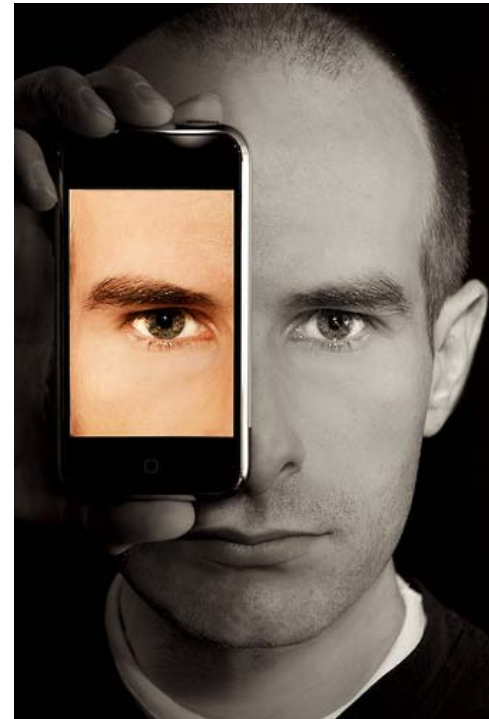




# Mobile Device Friendly

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- ▶ They must be accessible from mobile devices.
- ▶ A minimum of typing is required.
- ▶ Limited real estate should not be a problem.

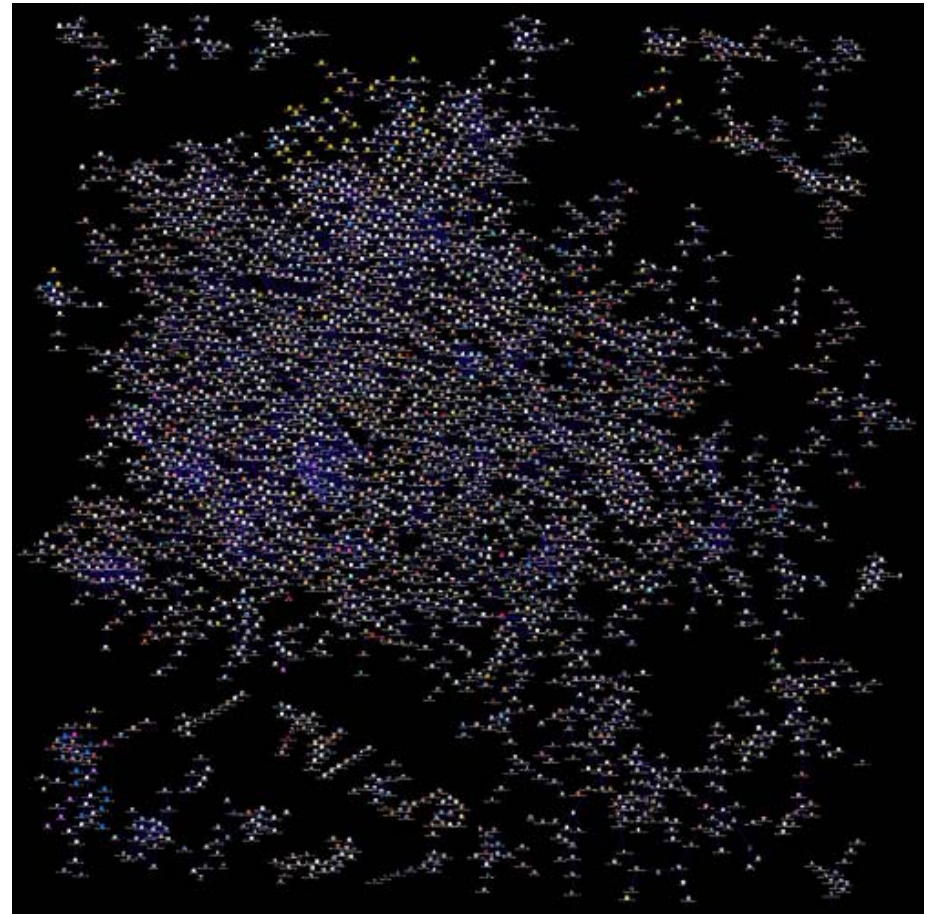




# Encourage Networking

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- ▶ Like the Internet, a network of networks.
- ▶ Make educated guesses about other people & information that you might find interesting.

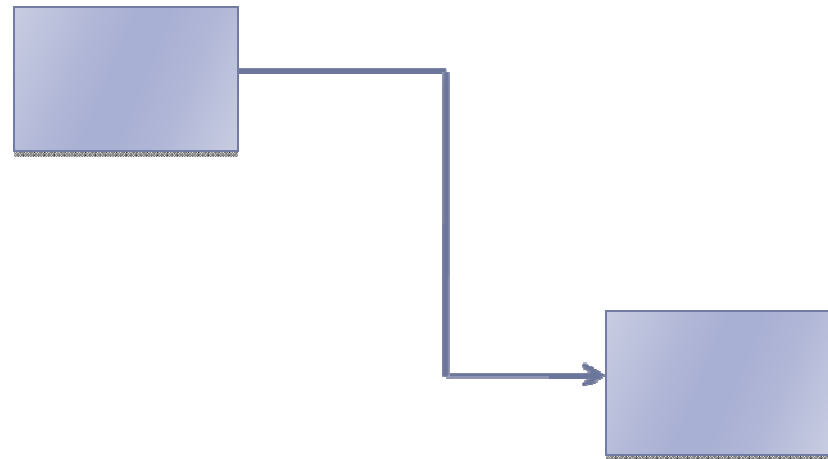




# Applying Success Factors to PM

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- ▶ People are people, not resources.
- ▶ Technology should never get in the way.
- ▶ Loosely coupled networks work better.
- ▶ Self-Organizing can work well.
- ▶ Open API that works well.
- ▶ Publish/Subscribe Model.
- ▶ Keep it simple.
- ▶ Keep it familiar.
- ▶ More . . . for discussion.





# Let's Talk About This

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